Board (HIMTAB) constituted by the Department of Tourism has formulated Policies and guidelines for the development of eco-friendly Tourism in the Himalayan region.

Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Orissa

1095. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has been laying much emphasis on the development of tourism infrastraucture;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction in Orissa during the 8th plan;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated for the development of infrastructure in 9th plan; and

(d) if so, the details of the schedule proposed thereon for Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Tourism has sanctioned 19 projects amounting to Rs. 449.06 lakhs for Tourism infrastructure development to Orissa during 8th plan.

(c) and (d) Yes. Sir, the Report of Working Group on Tourism for the 9th plan gives emphasis on infrastructure development in the country. However it docs not specify any state wise plan as it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to prepare such plan.

Caloric-intake among children

1096. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made in the last five years of the average per capita intake of protein and energy in urban and rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, what is the calorie-intake of adults vis-a-vis pre-school children;

(c) whether food security in the house-hold is a factor in calorie-intake among children; and

(d) if not, what efforts are being made to educate the patients parents about the children's nutritional needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau of Indian Council of Medical Research has conducted survey in rural areas about per capita intake of protein and energy. As per surveys, the calorie intake of adults was more than 95% of the recommended dietary allowances (RDA) while that of pre-school children ranged from 63% to 72% of recommended dietary allowances.

(c) and (d) The Government of India have initiated several measures to improve the nutritional status as well as nutritional needs of children. These arc as follows:—

(i) Availability of essential foodgrains at subsidised cost through the Public Distribution System (PDS) and Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS).

(ii) Improving the purchasing power of the people through Income Generating Schemes.

(iii) Nutrition and Health Education to increase the awareness and bring appropriate changes in the feeding practices of the children.

(iv) Other measures include supplementary feeding programme like Integrated / Child Development Services (ICDS), Mid-day / Meal / Programme (MMP), Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP) and Wheat Based / Nutrition Programme (WNP). For

combating specific micronutrient deficiency diseases National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme and Prophylaxis Programme to prevent Vitamin A deficiency and Nutritional anaemia due to iron deficiency are being implemented.

Foreign Investment in Indian Shares

1097. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign investment in the shares of Indian companies;

(b) the month-wise investment in the shares of the Indian companies from April, 1995 to March, 1996; and

(c) the foreign disinvestment in the shares for the period from April, 1995 to March, 1996 in the Indian Companies?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The* information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Guidelines for Transfer of Senior Functionaries Formulates by CBDT

1098. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether guidelines for transfer of Commissioners of Income Tax and other senior functionaries formulated by CBDT wide letter F.No. A-3515/7192-Ad. VI dated 6th October, 1992 have been applied properly, if there are exceptions, details thereof;

(b) whether posting of the officers of IRS in CBDT is being used merely as means of extending stay in Delhi contrary to the existing guidelines and officers not getting opportunity to serve in the apex body get discriminated in matters of posting, housing, accommodation and foreign deputations; and

(c) if so, whether Government would ensure rationalisation in matter of posting etc. of senior officers?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No such guidelines have been issued on 6th October, 1992. However, guidelines have been issued for all the Group 'A' and Group 'B' officers of the Income Tax Department on 6.11.92. These provide for certain exceptions like:

(i) Posting of husband & wife together at the same station to the extent possible.

(ii) Office-bearers of recognised association/federations being allowed ^ to continue at the headquarter of association/ federation.

(iii) An officer with less than 2 years service at the time of his promotion being allowed to continue in the same region/charge, if it is possible.

(iv) Posting of persons who have less then 3 years to retirement to their home-town/state if they have not been posted there in the last 10 years.

The Government can relax any of the conditions prescribed in the guidelines issued on 6.11.1992 due to compassionate and administrative grounds in appropriate cases.

The postings in the Central Board of Direct Taxes are done under a different set of guidelines. No discrimination is made between officers in the matter of posting, housing, accommodation and foreign deputation on the ground of their posting.

(c) In view of the answer to (a) & (b) does not arise.